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Dear Judge Webster:

Just recently a new security fence was developed by a firm in my Congressional district, First Defence International Security Company of Columbia, South Carolina. While I obviously am not in a position to evaluate the technical aspects of this security device, on the surface it seems that it could significantly enhance the physical security of our sensitive facilities. In fact, I am advised that the U.S. Patent Office has recognized the uniqueness of First Defence's new product by taking the unusual step of issuing the company a patent for fence design.

The physical security of our sensitive facilities is a concern we share. Mr. Ellis MacDougall, president of First Defence, believes that his company's fence could provide better protection of these facilities than is provided by the systems currently being utilized and, at the same time, offer the potential for cost savings to the government.

It occurs to me that you may want to conduct a test to determine First Defence's capabilities. Any promising new concept or design which may improve our security should be given full consideration in order to determine how it may best be utilized to serve the national interest. I have requested the firm to send you a brochure on its product.

Sincerely,

FLOYD D. SPENCE
Member of Congress

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